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THE AGE OF CHARLATANS.

Some Cynical Remarks From a Boston Philosopher.

Boston Saturday Gazette. It is interesting to note how history repeats itself in this our blessed nineteenth century; that is, history of the small and vulgar kind. I am persuaded that if it were possible to reincarnate some mediæval philosopher he would be perfectly at home in any of the great cities of the world; he would find the same superstitions that he loved parading under new names; he would find the same militant theology, only with its nails clipped; the same love of the marvelous, the same Utopian theories, and the same indifference to the practical affairs of life. The so-called "thought transference" and palmistry he would recognize as very old friends; spiritualism would make him feel thoroughly at home, and even many of our latest scientific discoveries would present no novelty to him. The bacteria-injection cure he would accept as a modification of his own sympathetic power cure, and the pertinacity with which its failures are disregarded would persuade him that time stands still in place of advancing. The hair-of-the-dog-that-bit-you hypothesis is so firmly established that our philosopher might mistake Pasteur for Paracelsus, and Koch for Sir Kenelm Digby. Curing anthrax by an in-fusion of rats' spleen would suggest to him the mediæval "doctrine of signatures"—that is, as a Paracelsian explains, "the leaves of the white stone-crop have an analogy with the gums; thus the plant is an excellent anti-scorbutic. The flowers of the lily of the valley resemble drops;

thus they are good for apoplexy, (gutta.) The roots of the bryony look like a swollen foot, and are good for dropsy." The Lourdes miracles would fit in very well with the miracles described by Erasmus, and our philosopher would survey civilization, and say with Paracelsus:
"Neither man nor the devil invents anything!"
Now, I am not a lover of the good old times—
which to me are bad old times—and my objection is, that we are infusing too much of the diseased blood of the past into the body of the present. A tinge of quackery is in everythingin art, science, literature, and in life generally, We still have a sneaking kindness for mysteries and impossible promises, and we feed our morals as well as our stomachs on the most extensively advertised patent medicines. We have only to compare a Jenner with a Koch to demonstrate the downward curve of descent of the present day. Charlatanism appeals to us as it appealed to our mediaval ancestors; we make humbug the fashion, and then use it as the measure of genius. The popular money-making heroes of our day are all charlatans, talented or stupid, and the tendency is to force talent into charlatanism. Now, far be it from me to ridicule this useful art, upon which modern society is founded; but always charlatanism. latanism, like always partridge, is a monotonous diet, and I, for one, should like to have a little change by way of contrast. If we must imitate, let it be the best, and not the worst, traits of our ancestors; or, if we must be fools, let us be original fools, as we easily can be if we go the right way to work. For my part, however, I should prefer to see humbug effaced from the arts and sciences, and kept for the sole use of fashionable life, where it properly belongs. A quack artist, a quack scientist, or a quack musician is a self-contradiction, and yet this is the inevitable outcome of our present method of dealing out prizes. Our gift to posterity is a patented vacuum, guaranteed not to contain one germ of genius, and this is the only novelty that our over-busy generation has produced. our ancestors; or, if we must be fools, let us be

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